(d) Although there is a proposal to start another dispensary at Sarita Vihar yet due to financial constraints and non- implementation of SIU Report, it is not feasible to open any new dispensary at present.

Incentives and Disincentives Under New Population Policy

3718. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:
SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM:

Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether in order to bring pressure to bear on the State-wise high population growth, Govenment have decided not to increase the number of representatives of Legislative and parliamentary constituencies for the next 25 years by way of delimitation of constituencies; and

(b) if so, what other incentives and disincentives are contemplated under the New Population Policy in the next century to bring about early stabilization of population?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SHRI N.T. SHANMUGAM): (a) to (b) The National Population Policy, 2000 has recommended that the 42nd Constitution Amendment, which freezes the number of seats to the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha, till 2001 (based on the 1971 Census), be extended upto 2026, as a motivational measures, in order to enable the State Government to pursue fearlessly the agenda for population stabilisation contained in the NPP, 2000.

The Policy envisages a number of promotional and motivational measures like reward to Panchayats and Zila Parishads, continuation of the Balika Samridhi Yojana, Maternity Benefit Scheme, Health Insurance Plan, reward to couple below the poverty line, etc.

Infant Mortality Rate

3719. SHRI RAMACHANDRAIAH RUMANDLA:
DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR:

Will the Minister HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state: